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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Fumes in [ ]

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REFERENCES : (a) Memo dated 16 Oct '63 from [ ]  
[ ] ESB/GSD/SI to Deputy  
Asst. Director, Production, OSI,  
subject, Report of Inspection, NPIC,  
11 Oct '63 (DD/S 63-4689)

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(b) Acting D/L Memo to Comptroller dated  
29 March '63, subject, Additional  
Work for [ ] (DD/S 63-388)

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(c) D/L Memo to DD/S dated 3 June '63,  
subject, Approval of Additional Work  
at [ ] (DD/S 63-2871)

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1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. The problem of noxious fumes [ ] was initially  
confined to the Production Division on the second floor where color  
film is processed. The Office of Logistics had brought this problem  
to the Public Buildings Service, Design Division, prior to [ ]  
inspection, and PBS has been working for several weeks on a correc-  
tive ventilation system for the Production Division.

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3. [ ] inspection focused attention on fumes in other  
areas and pointed out instances of improper storage of chemicals and  
the use of hazardous cleaning agents. The Office of Security, through  
appropriate NPIC channels, has requested that the necessary action be  
taken to correct the two latter conditions. This office has discussed  
with PBS the other fume-problem areas which were brought to our  
attention by the safety officers. Some of these areas should be cleared  
up as a result of work on the toilet throwaway exhaust system which  
PBS now has out for bids. The remaining areas in question are being  
further defined preliminary to requesting corrective action by PBS.

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25X1 4. An overall cost estimate of the modification and/or extension of the ventilating system cannot be made until PBS completes their design work. We have received an estimate of \$102,000 from PBS for proposed corrective action in the Production Division covered by their design work to date. This figure will no doubt be substantially increased as they proceed with their design work for other areas of the building. A preliminary inquiry to the Budget Division, Office of the Comptroller, disclosed grave doubts that any part of the remaining [ ] construction funds could be used for this construction. However, we have established a precedent for use of these funds by authorizing the expenditure of \$116,000 and \$32,500 for additions and changes per references (b) and (c) respectively. I recently discussed this funding problem with Dr. Lundahl, who indicated that NPIC could make funds available for this work if necessary, although at the time we had no specific cost estimates from PBS.

5. I have toured the problem areas in [ ] and agree that the fumes are unpleasant but as [ ] points out in his report, there does not appear to be an immediately dangerous or hazardous condition which could cause loss of life except in some extreme case of negligence. The Office of Security is recommending to NPIC that appropriate action be taken to employ a commercial company or another Government agency to determine whether or not the fumes are toxic.

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6. We will pursue this matter diligently in coordination with NPIC, the Office of Security (Safety Officer) and PBS and keep you currently informed.

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Director of Logistics

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